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In re Application of:)
Yusuke YAMADA, et al.) Examiner: Hoan H. Tran
Application No.: 10/076,455) Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: February 19, 2002) Confirmation No.: 9911
For: TONER SUPPLY CONTAINER AND) September 13, 2004
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS :
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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (the "citation form"). The document was recently cited in the enclosed Chinese Search Report, which is dated July 30, 2004. A copy of the Search Report, a brief English language translation of the Search Report, and a copy of the Chinese patent document cited in the Search Report also are enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action has not been received in the above-identified application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a

fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement.¹ However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

U.S. Patent No. 5,508,792 is identified in a commercial database as being in the family of the cited Chinese patent document.

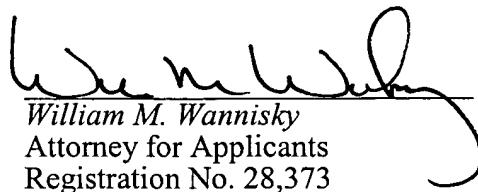
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited information and that an annotated copy of the citation form be returned indicating such consideration.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the New York address shown below.

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¹/A Petition to Withdraw Application From Issue (the "Petition") along with a Request for Continued Examination was filed in the application on March 18, 2004. The Petition was granted on March 24, 2004.

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